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PROCESSING OF A  
HYDROCARBON  
CONTAINING  
FORMATION TO  
INCREASE A  
POROSITY OF THE  
FORMATION

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Sir:

Please amend the above-captioned application as follows:

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Listed below is a clean copy of an amended paragraph of the Specification. A marked-up copy indicating the amended paragraph of the Specification is provided in an accompanying document.

On page 38, the paragraph beginning on line 16:

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